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- Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Filed Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted.
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement( IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- c. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) is enclosed.

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- i. ☒ Payment of the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is being made with Credit Card Form PTO-2038
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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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a. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS – AMENDMENT C

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal of the final rejection on November 17, 2003, and their Appeal Brief is due by January 17, 2004. Instead of an Appeal Brief,